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For: PROCESS FOR REDUCING THE LIME CONSUMPTION IN SUGAR BEET JUICE
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 2, 2010, in the above captioned application. The Office Action avers that plural inventions are claimed, grouped as follows:

Group I, claims 1-44, drawn to compositions and methods of making and using the same; and

Group II, claims 45-49, drawn to apparatus.

The Office Action avers that the two groups of claims lack unity of invention under PCT Rule 13.1, and that restriction is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.499.

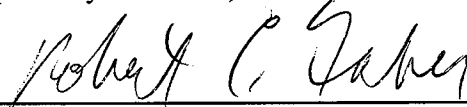
In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-44, for further prosecution herein, without traverse. This election is made without prejudice to the subject matter of claims 45-49, 35 U.S.C. §§121, 372.

An early and favorable Notice of Allowability of claims 1-44 is kindly solicited.

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